

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Use of IEDs by Naxals
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that most of the casualties at the hands of naxals were from the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the CRPF is keeping a watch on IEDs in naxal hit districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are one of the most potent weapons in the hands of Left Wing Extremist (LWE) cadres that inflict casualties on the security forces (SFs) and civilians. The details of casualties of SFs and civilians during the last two years and in the current year (upto 15.11.2015), due to landmine blasts and also other causes such as attacks on police and encounter/exchange of fire, are annexed.

(c) & (d): CRPF has taken a number of steps to tackle the problem of IEDs, which are as follows:

- (i) Back tracking of explosives.
- (ii) Institute of IED Management, CRPF, Pune has been providing training to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) & State Police personnel to effectively counter the IED problem. The institute also prepares Master Trainers and Bomb Detection & Disposal Squads (BDDSs).
- (iii) Dogs, which are capable in detection of IEDs, have been inducted in CRPF.
- (iv) Induction of more Bomb Detection & Disposal Squads (BDDSs) in CRPF.